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SUBJ: INDIAN TESTING PROGRAM

1. IN THE COURSE OF A GENERAL CONVERSATION JUST BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, INDIAN AEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA TOLD ME "OFF THE RECORD" THAT INDIA WOULD NOT WANT TO DETONATE A DEVICE EXCEPT UNDER OPTIMUM WIND AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE FALLOUT OVER PAKISTAN. THIS RULED OUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER FOR INDIA'S NEXT TEST, AND THE BEST CONDITIONS WOULD NOT OCCUR AGAIN UNTIL LATE SPRING. AS OF THE TIME OF OUR CONVERSATION SETHNA SAID, THE INDIANS WERE STILL 40 METERS FROM THE CHAMBER OF THE EXPLOSION AND HAD NOT YET ENCOUNTERED ANY RADIO-ACTIVITY.
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